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ABIDJAN FOR AMBASSADORS YOUNG AND EASUM

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, OVIP (YOUNG , ANDREW)
SUBJECT: AMBASSABOR YOUNG'S TRIP TM AFRICA

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(A) LAGOS 5185; (B) STATE 104802

1.CHARGE REACHED AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE JOLAOSO AT HOME SUNDAY MORNING MAY 8, DESCRIBED AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S ITINERARY, INTEREST IN VISITING LAGOS AND ENCOURAGEMENT HE RECEIVED FROM AMBASSADOR HARRIMAN, AND ASKED WHETHER IT WOULD BE CONVENIENT FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND PARTY TO VISIT FROM 1800 MAY 13 TO 1200 MAY 14. JOLAOSO ASKED WHAT SUBJECTS AMBASSADOR YOUNG WOULD WANT TO DISCUSS AND AT WHAT LEVEL. CHARGE SAID SUBJECTS HAD NOT BEEN SPECIFIED BUT IN VIEW OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S INTEREST IN SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS AND HIS PASSAGE EN ROUTE TO MAPUTO CONFERENCE, SOUTHERN AFRICA WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE CENTRAL. REGARDING LEVEL OF TALKS, CHARGE SAID AMBASSADOR YOUNG REMEMBE-
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RED HIS FEBRUARY MEETING WITH HEAD OF STATE OBASANJO MOST WARMLY AND WOULD CERTAINLY BE PLEASED TO SEE HIM AGAIN, AS WELL AS EXTAFF COMMISSIONER GARBA AND ANY OTHER FMG OFFICIALS THEY MIGHT CONSIDER APPROPRIATE. AMBASSADOR JOLAOSO SAID HE WOULD PASS THIS INFORMATION ON AT ONCE AND WOULD HOPE TO HAVE AN ANSWER MAY 9.

2. POLITICAL COUNSELOR, IN MEA ON OTHER MATTERS, TOUCHED

BASE WITH JOLAOSO MAY 9. LATTER WAS NONCOMMITTAL AND SAID
DECISION SHOULD BE FORTHCOMING BY COB. AT COB JOLAOSO'S
OFFICE CALLED, GOT CHARGE IN ABSENCE OF POLCOUNS, SAID JOLAOSO
HAD BEEN CALLED TO DODAN BARRACKS AND ASKED POLCOUNS TO CALL
HIM IN THE MORNING. APPARENTLY WITHOUT FULLY COMPREHENDING
SUBSTANCE INVOLVED, JOLAOSO'S AIDE ADDED THAT "THE VISIT CANNOT
(REPEAT NOT) BE ARRANGED" AND SAID JOLAOSO WOULD EXPLAIN WHY IN
THE MORNING. EFFORTS TO SOLICIT MORE INFORMATION WERE UNAVAIL-
ING.

3. COMMENT. AS POLCOUNS AND CHARGE HAD DISCUSSED NOTHING
BUT YOUNG VISIT WITH JOLAOSO, WE CONTINUE ASSUME THERE IS
SOME DIFFICULTY WITH THE TIMING OF THE VISIT. WE ARE
NONETHELESS HOLDING HOTEL RESERVATIONS UNTIL FULL EXPLANATION
IS RECEIVED MAY 10. WILL REPORT BY IMMEDIATE CABLE AS SOON AS
SITUATION IS CLARIFIED.
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